

difficulty, as I said already, is that ladies do not find it convenient to go and settle in villages.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Seeing that there are many girls in boys' schools, will not giving of more pay to lady teachers and posting them to boys' schools be the first step towards increasing the number of girls in such schools?

Second Member of Council.—

There is no use of having one lady teacher among so many male teachers. I shall however consult the Director about it.

Mr. G. Mallanna.—

In the case of village primary schools, will it be possible to consider a scheme of giving grants to local ladies who are able to teach the 3 R's to young boys and girls?

Dewan.—

The suggestion will be considered if educated ladies offer to do this work.

SRIMATIS SAKAMMA and KAMALAMMA DASAPPA (Women's Interest).—

Q.—55. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) How long has the Women's Home in Mysore been in existence?

(b) How many inmates are there in this institution and what is its annual expenditure?

(c) Are not those that have received training in this institution deriving sufficient benefit by such training?

(d) Is it not desirable to establish such institutions in each district headquarter?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—55. (a) The Home was re-organised as a Women's Home in February 1925.

(b) (1) 27

(2) Expenditure during 1928-29 .. Rs. 4,870
 „ 1929-30 .. „ 4,662

(c) No definite information is available on this point.

(d) It is not possible to say until the working of the Mysore institution is watched for some time.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Srimati Sakamma.—

Is it not desirable to have a women's home in every district?

Second Member of Council.—

It is desirable. But the question largely depends upon the funds available.

Srimati Sakamma.—

Would it be possible to reduce expenditure under some other heads and start a few more women's homes at least?

Second Member of Council.—

That question may perhaps be considered.

Srimati Sakamma.—

Would it not be difficult for the ladies from all the taluks to come and stay in the Home at Mysore?

Second Member of Council.—

It may be difficult. But it will be too costly to have a duplication of all the technical courses that will have to be opened in such homes. Until the facilities now provided at Mysore are fully utilised, it may not be wise to incur expenditure on account of the same facilities in other homes.

Srimati Sakamma.—

Have any steps been taken so far to ascertain whether the ladies who have passed out of the Women's Home are making use of the training they received there for eking out a livelihood?

Second Member of Council.—

We shall ask the committee to keep a list of all such women.

Srimati Sakamma.—

Do you charge anything to the inmates?

Second Member of Council.—

The inmates are not expected to pay anything for boarding or lodging.

Srimati Sakamma.—

Is both boarding and lodging free in every case?

Second Member of Council.—

Yes. Except in the case of paying day-scholars or inmates who are well-to-do and can afford to meet their cost.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Is it not desirable to keep a register in the Home of defectives also giving particulars of the after-care of those trained in the Home?

Second Member of Council.—

We shall suggest that to the committee.

Mr. G. Chennappa.—

Has it not come to the notice of the Government that the Industrial Section of the Home has not been working well for some time past?

Second Member of Council.—

No. That section has recently been placed in charge of a lady specially selected. If better arrangements are possible, the question may be considered.

Mr. G. Chennappa.—

Is publicity given to the fact that boarding and lodging are both free in the Women's Home?

Second Member of Council.—

Yes. I believe notices have been circulated. I did it myself as Director. It is also for members of this Assembly to popularise the Home still further.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Is training in midwifery also given to the ladies in the Home?

Second Member of Council.—

Yes.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Who is supervising this work?

Second Member of Council.—

There is a committee as well as a Superintendent. The present Superintendent is Mrs. Theobald.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Does the present incumbent know the peculiar habits, customs and manners of the local people? Is it not better to have an Indian Superintendent?

Second Member of Council.—

We need not go into the particulars. Mrs. Theobald is born in this country and she knows the manners and customs of Mysore. The present selection is as good as you can make. It is not a question of merely knowing the manners and customs. There are so many other considerations connected with the management of a Women's Home.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

What are the educational attainments of the present Superintendent?

Second Member of Council.—

I am not aware. But she has been appointed for a specified term.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Will the Government consider the desirability of having a local lady who is fully qualified?

Second Member of Council.—

This lady has been appointed for a certain term. We shall consider the suggestion when that term is over. But I may add that the Director has taken various circumstances

into consideration in appointing the present incumbent. I am satisfied that she is fully qualified.

SRIMATIS SAKAMMA and KAMALAMMA DASAPPA (Women's Interest).—

Q. —53. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) (i) How many hospitals are there in the State; how many of them are (ii) Government institutions, (iii) Local fund institutions and (iv) Mission institutions ?

(b) In how many hospitals are there lady doctors ?

(c) (i) In how many hoblis are there certificated midwives, (ii) in how many hoblis do they not exist ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—53. (a) (i) 268, (ii) 28, (iii) 208, (iv) 7.

(In addition to these there are 25 other dispensaries including Public Works and Railway Dispensaries.)

(b) In 32 hospitals and dispensaries.

(c) (i) In 194 hoblis inclusive of the taluk head-quarter hoblis.

(ii) In 186 hoblis.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Srimati Sakamma.—

Is it not desirable to have a larger number of women's hospitals?

Dewan.—

It is desirable but the increase can only be gradual.

Srimati Sakamma.—

How long would it take to do it?

Dewan.—

It is difficult to say. More funds and qualified lady doctors are necessary. Government are giving scholarships to lady candidates taking up the medical profession.

Srimati Sakamma.—

Would it not be possible to grant scholarships to some more women?